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Dear Examiner Handy,

Enclosed please find two proposed alternate amendments to the claims to facilitate discussions for our interview on February 2, 2005 at 1:00pm MST. Please call me at 303-667-2301 if you have any questions.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)
JESSOP, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/196,524)
Parent Filed: November 20, 1998.)
CPA Filed: May 20, 2002)
For: PIPETTE TIP PACKAGING)
AND TRANSFER SYSTEM)
Group Art Unit: 1743)
Examiner: HANDY, D.)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Madam/Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 11, 2004, Applicants herein propose certain claim amendments to place this case in condition for allowance.

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